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Global thinking

Joseph Cool of Waterford Township (left) representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, talks to students during the Global Trade Mission at Oakland Community College Auburn Hills campus. About 200 Oakland County high school students convened for a simulated global mission that runs through Saturday. Students from Avondale, Bloomfield, Fenton, Ferndale, Flint, Grosse Pointe, Huron Valley, Pontiac, Rochester, Royal Oak and Southfield high schools and Oakland Schools technical campuses — Northeast, Northwest and Southeast — are immersing themselves in conducting business around the world. They are working directly with volunteers from local busi-

nesses to develop their own international business plan, said Shelley Yorke Rose, communications director for the Oakland Schools intermediate district. The teens are working in teams to learn and demonstrate the skills of global citizenship, including problem solving, team dynamics and creative thinking. They are also competing to be the team that wins the Exportsmanship Award. The winner will be selected and the award will be presented by a panel of businesspeople who are serving as evaluators and mock investors. For more information, call Mario Bravo of Oakland Schools at (248) 209-2590.

— Staff writer Diana Dillaber Murray